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REMARKS

Claims 7, 37-63 and 65-121 were pending in the subject application. Claim 7 has been amended. Accordingly, claims 7, 37-63 and 65-121 are pending in the subject application. Applicants are concurrently filing a divisional patent application directed to the claimed invention previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement.

Claims 37-63, 65-71, and 120-121 have been allowed. Claims 72-119 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 7, the base claim, has been amended above. Withdrawal of all objections is requested.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Specifically, claim 7 was alleged to exclude compounds not embraced by the generic formula (I). Applicants have amended claim 7 so as not to recite the excluded compounds, thereby mooting the rejection.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is earnestly solicited.

In view of the above amendments, applicants maintain that all claims are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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If a telephone conference would be of assistance in furthering prosecution of the subject application, applicants request that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the number below.

No fee, except the fee for a two-month extension of time, is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,



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